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Hearing: Assessment of Information Sharing Centers

WHO: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorist Risk Assessment
Chairman Rob Simmons (R-CT)

WHEN: 1 p.m., Thursday, September 7, 2006

WHERE: 2118 Rayburn House Office Building

WITNESSES

PANEL I

Mr. Charles E. Allen
Chief Intelligence Officer
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

PANEL II

Col. Kenneth Bouche
Deputy Director
Information & Technology Command
Illinois State Police

Ms. Amy Whitmore
Analyst Supervisor
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Mr. Richard L. Cañas
Director
New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness

BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorist Risk Assessment will hold a hearing to review the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) plans for supporting the work of state and local fusion centers. Fusion centers are facilities where federal, state, and local personnel and Information Technology networks are united to promote information sharing. This hearing will give the Subcommittee the opportunity to gain further perspective on the role of DHS in this process from state and local fusion center participants, and better understand how DHS intends to implement federal initiatives in cooperation with other entities.

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